Shortfall in profit of MCL

3209. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortfall in the profit of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount of profit MCL has earned during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (c) There has been a slight fall in the profits of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 as compared to the profits earned in 1997-98. The profits earned by MCL during the last five years are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount
1995-96	336.06
1996-97	326.65
1997-98	654.11
1998-99	601.31
1999-2000	607.65

Decontrolling prices of coal extracted by CIL and its subsidiaries

†3210. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fully decontrolled the prices of coal extracted by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, how the interests of the consumer would be protected; and

(c) whether the State Governments have got any benefit by the increased prices?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir, with effect from 1.1.2000.

(b) Competition between the coal companies, imports and Ministry of Coal representatives on Coal Company Boards are expected to safeguard consumer interests. The situation should improve further in future with the enactment of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2000, which seeks to allow any Indian Company to do coal mining without restrictions of captive consumption.

(c) The State Governments levy 'Sales Tax' on coal. Wherever such sales tax is computed on the price of coal, any increase in price of coal would lead to increased sales tax revenue to the State Government concerned. Similarly, increase in the price of coal leads to increase in the cess levied by the Government of West Bengal.

Development of Buddhists in Laddakh

†3211. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any representation from the elected Member of Parliament of Laddakh for the development of Buddhists residing there and for their greater participation in the administration; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Alleged deportation of Canadian National from India

3212. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from some Members of Parliament in June, 2001 regarding alleged deportation of Canadian National from India; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

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